

TRANSPORT SUNK; 413 LIVES LOST

Transylvania Sent to Bottom in Mediterranean by Enemy Torpedo.

MARKED LIKE LUSITANIA

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, May 24.—The British transport Transylvania was torpedoed on May 23, with the loss of 413 persons. The following official statement was given out today:
The British transport Transylvania, with troops aboard, was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on May 23, resulting in the following losses: Twenty-nine officers and 373 of other ranks; also the ship's captain, Lieut. S. Bruell, and one officer and nine men of the crew.

Survivors Taken to Italy.
NEW YORK, May 24.—The Anchor line steamship Transylvania was sunk in the Mediterranean off the French-Italian coast. It was learned here today that the survivors—how many it is not known—were taken into Savona, Italy, by rescuers. There they remained until May 19, when they were taken to the United States by the Red Cross authorities. When they left Savona on another vessel for an unnamed destination a throng of thousands of persons assembled at the shore and cheered the departure.

Last Appearance in U. S.
The Transylvania's last appearance in American waters was when the Lusitania was torpedoed—May 7, 1915. Just as she was about to sail from New York with 272 passengers, Capt. John Black, then commanding, was given the information of the Lusitania's fate. The ship was then ordered to return to England.

Was Ship of 14,315 Tons.
The Transylvania, an Anchor line steamship of 14,315 tons, gross, has been in the service of the British government since 1915, when her sailing was cancelled. There have been no recent reports of her movements. When she was first taken over by the British government, she was carrying 1,400 troops to Gallipoli.

Transylvania Built in 1914.
The Transylvania was built in 1914. She was constructed especially for passenger traffic between New York and Mediterranean ports. She was 543 feet long and had accommodations for 2,450 passengers.

MAINTAIN CONTROL FOOD EXPORTS FROM COUNTRY

Commerce Department, However, Is Likely to Administer the Limitation Act.

Control over the exports of food from this country probably will not come under the administration of the Department of Commerce, but rather, today, although it is probable that the administration of the export limitation act will be administered by that branch of the government.
Herbert C. Hoover today conferred with Secretary of Commerce, and the department will bear in mind the fact that the export limitation act, when passed, will be referred to the department's role in reference to the food exports.
While Mr. Redfield assumed that the administration of the export limitation act would be by the Commerce Department, he declared he did not know at this time that it would be, and did not suppose that the department would, in any event, have control over the exports of food.
The whole food situation is of such magnitude as will require handling by itself, in the opinion of Secretary Redfield, who assured Mr. Hoover that the department in this line of export control.

Other Branches to Share in Work.
The Agriculture Department, and Mr. Hoover are tremendously well equipped, in the opinion of Mr. Redfield, to handle the details and control machinery of the big problem of food exports to the allies of the United States during the continuance of the war.

Any steps by any department or any agent of the government would be taken in the case of food exports only with the approval of the State Department, it is understood.
It is regarded as probable that while the administration of exports limitation act will be put in the hands of the United States Department of Commerce, the government will have their proper share in the work.

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A number of Chicago meat packers, however, are protesting against Mr. Hoover yesterday to get his ideas concerning the relation of the packing industry to the food situation.

Russia to Hasten Constituent Assembly
PETROGRAD, May 24, via London, 3:50 a.m.—The new Russian provisional government today ordered a series of measures for hastening the summoning of the constituent assembly.

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The first meeting of a committee appointed to discuss arrangements for the convening of the constituent assembly is expected to take place today.

Students Greeted in London.
LONDON, May 24, 11:45 a.m.—The Duke of Connaught shook hands today with a group of American college students who have come to England for duty in the camps of the Y. M. C. A. headquarters, where the students are being trained.

Monument to French Officer, Ordered in 1778, Unveiled Today.
BOSTON, May 24.—A monument in memory of a French naval officer, ordered erected by the Massachusetts legislature, was unveiled today on the grounds of the King's Chapel today.

ITALIANS ARE RECEIVING OF PRESIDENT WILSON

Mission, Headed by Prince Udine, Presented by Secretary Lansing. Plans for Actual Work.

REUNION CHAIRMAN PROPOSES THEY CONDUCT DEMONSTRATIONS REGISTRATION DAY.

Members of Italy's war commission, headed by Prince Udine, today were presented to President Wilson by Secretary of State Lansing. The ceremony took place in the blue room of the White House. Secretary Lansing was the only member of the cabinet present. White House naval and military aids were there in dress uniform.

Conference at Italian Embassy.
This afternoon the commission got down to actual work, at a conference at the Italian embassy, 1750 R street, where Ambassador di Ceglie and members of the embassy staff discussed with the mission members the arrangements for the mission's work.

Veterans to Aid Recruiting.
Many of the veterans of the Confederacy already have signed their names to assist in obtaining recruits for the army and navy forces of the country, and the National Guard during their stay in Washington.

Part of Schools.
Mr. Harper had a conference today with Stephen E. Kramer, assistant superintendent of public schools, and C. J. Washington, director of the National Society of Washington, concerning the school and human flag to be staged on the monument grounds under the supervision of the National Society.

Be Added This Week to Fund for Reunion of Confederates
Contributions to the fund being raised to provide for the reunion of the Confederate veterans are being made as promptly as they should be by the business and professional interests of the city.

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WEEDING OUT TO LEAD OFFICE

Reunion Chairman Proposes They Conduct Demonstrations Registration Day.

TENT CITY ON PLAZA

Confederate Veterans who come here to attend their twenty-seventh annual reunion are to conduct patriotic demonstrations in various sections of the city on June 5, the registration day.

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RIO DE JANEIRO, May 24.—Foreign Minister Nilo Pecanha declared in the council of ministers, according to the official statement issued today by the Brazilian government, that Brazil had declared war on Germany because she had been virtually forced into a state of war by circumstances.

Neutrality is Ended.
The Brazilian government has declared that it is no longer neutral in the war between Germany and the Allies.

Italy's New Drive.
The Italian government has announced that it has taken 9,000 prisoners in its recent offensive against the Austro-Hungarians.

Break Through Austrian Lines.
The Italian army has achieved a significant breakthrough in the Alpine region, capturing several key positions.

Fliers Drop Ten Tons of Bombs on Foe.
Italian aircraft have dropped a large tonnage of bombs on German positions in the Balkans.

Germany Has Forced Virtual State of War.
The German government's actions have forced the Allies into a state of virtual war.

British Get Prisoners.
British forces have captured a large number of German prisoners in the Western Front.

French Failed, Says Berlin.
The German press has claimed that the French offensive in the West has failed.

Sinn Feiners to Confer Only on Own Conditions.
The Sinn Fein organization has announced that they will only confer on their own terms.

Decline to Participate in Conference Called by English Government Unless Terms are Agreed To.
The Irish government has declined to participate in a conference called by the British government unless certain terms are agreed upon.

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GERMAN FLIERS BOMB EAST PART OF ENGLAND

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LONDON, May 24.—Four or five German aircraft raided the eastern counties of England last night, according to the official statement issued today by the British government.

DR. WAITE DIES TONIGHT

Dr. Waite, a prominent physician, died tonight at his home in Washington, D. C.

Dentist Who Killed Father-in-Law Goes to Electric Chair.
A dentist who was convicted of murdering his father-in-law is scheduled to be executed by the electric chair.

Hungarian Town Nearly Wiped Out.
A Hungarian town has been almost completely destroyed by a recent bombing raid.

Washington Subscription to Liberty Loan Bonds.
A subscription for Liberty Loan Bonds has been organized in Washington, D. C.

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GOVERNMENT REGISTERS TO BE HELD JUNE 5

Neighborhood Celebrations to Mark Registration Day in Capital.

DEPARTMENT REGISTRARS YOUTHS EXPERT GUNNERS

Registration day is June 5. There are but eleven more days left in which to register. If you live in any of the Pacific coast states, you have but six days left. If you live in the southern or far western states, you have but eight days left. If you live in middle-western, southern or New England states, you have nine days remaining.

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U.S. FLEET BEAT WORKSHOP OF WAR

Ships, Ready for Battle, Now Turning Out Men Who Can Fight and Run Freighters.

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